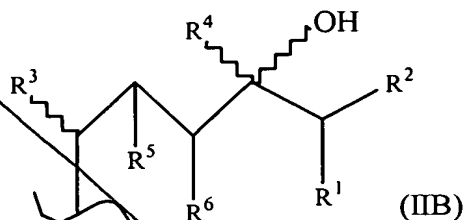


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37. The tablet of claim 25, wherein the vitamin D compound is vitamin D<sub>2</sub>, wherein Z is a sidechain of formula (IIB):



wherein X is hydrogen, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a methyl group, and wherein R<sup>2</sup> is a methyl group.--

#### REMARKS

The Applicants believe that claims 2-6, 11, 13-20, 25, and 28- 37 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowance. In the event that there are any issues which can be expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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